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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: Briefing of [REDACTED] to Load Drop for [REDACTED]

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1. On 13 and 14 April, the undersigned together with [REDACTED] met with [REDACTED] in Helsinki for the purpose of instructing [REDACTED] to load a drop for [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was referred to only as "an important internal asset working for the West."

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2. The meeting and briefing was held at a Station safe-apartment located at [REDACTED] and registered in the name of [REDACTED]. (See Memo for the Record of 1 May, filed [REDACTED] /Operations, regarding security factors bearing upon the conduct of operational activity.) The briefings were conducted in the living room of the safe-apartment. The room consisted of three outside walls while the fourth abutted the apartment bedroom. During the course of all meetings, two radios were used--one against an outside wall and the other against the bedroom wall--each tuned to a different station.

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3. After ascertaining that [REDACTED] would be willing to cooperate in the loading of a drop for an internal agent, the undersigned briefed [REDACTED] on the specifics of his projected role in the operation along the following lines:

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a. During the month of June or July, [REDACTED] would receive a call from an English-speaking, Western visitor, using the name of John. ([REDACTED] has several Moscow acquaintances by this name.) The call would be made on a Tuesday or Wednesday from an outside phone to [REDACTED] at his residence

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[REDACTED]  
\* at precisely 0900 hours, a time chosen by [REDACTED]

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as the best suited for him. Rather than tie up [REDACTED] mobility during the months of June and July, it was agreed that he would await the call during the week of 13-17 June and during the weeks of 4-8 July and 25-29 July. If the call is not forthcoming during this period, [REDACTED] indicated that he would be amenable to fulfilling his role in the operation at any other future date that telephonic contact can be established with him. The conversation, setting up the reception of the drop instrument by [REDACTED] at American House, will follow in this manner:

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JOHN: "Hello, Gino (diminutive of Luigi). This is John. Could you play Bingo Thursday evening?"

[REDACTED]: "Yes, I'll see you there."

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JOHN: "Good, I'll see you Thursday."

OR

[REDACTED]: "No, I'm busy on Thursday."

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JOHN: "Sorry. How about next week?" (To which [REDACTED] will respond affirmatively.)

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b. After receiving the call on either Tuesday or Wednesday morning, [REDACTED] will attend the Bingo game at American House on Thursday evening circa 2045. (Note: [REDACTED], in the company of his wife and other friends, has previously attended American House. His wife is an avid Bingo player.)

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c. Between 2100-2115, either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] will load the magazine rack in the second floor toilet with the drop instrument, previously pouched to [REDACTED] for [REDACTED]. If the toilet is occupied during this period, [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] will return between 2200-2215 to load.

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d. At approximately 2130 hours, [REDACTED] will proceed to the men's room at 2130 (2230, if toilet is occupied) and

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retrieve the drop packet from the magazine rack. Upon retrieving the packet, [REDACTED] will mark a red slash on the top left side of the magazine rack. This will indicate to [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] that the drop has been securely serviced.\*

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e. On Friday, [REDACTED] will make a dry run past both the drop site and signal site for [REDACTED] (Complete instructions, written in Italian, directing [REDACTED] to the precise drop and signal sites will be prepared and wrapped around the drop packet.)

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f. On Saturday, [REDACTED] will make the actual drop emplacement for [REDACTED] He plans, tentatively, to use his car, parking near the actual drop site, and will walk immediately to the site, emplace the packet, and then make the cover phone call. [REDACTED] pointed out that this tactic is compatible with patterns previously demonstrated to his surveillants. Such a maneuver forces the surveillance car to halt some distance behind [REDACTED] By the time the surveillance can either follow [REDACTED] into the drop area or assume a positive surveilling posture, [REDACTED] is confident that he will be able to have the drop loaded with time to spare.

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g. Later the same day, if cover for action can be smoothly devised, [REDACTED] will go to the assigned signal site and indicate that he has loaded the drop by making the prescribed signal for [REDACTED] If [REDACTED] is unable to make the signal on Saturday, he will put the signal up before 10:00 a.m., Sunday.

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h. The same day, Saturday, after loading the drop, [REDACTED] will return (probably in the evening) to American House, enter the second floor men's room, and mark a red slash on the top right side of the magazine rack. It was emphasized that this action must be performed by 2400 hours, Saturday.

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\*If impossible to load or service drop on this particular Thursday, the same procedure will be invoked automatically for the preceding Thursday.

following

i. [REDACTED] or [REDACTED], upon viewing the second red slash on the magazine rack, will prepare to phone [REDACTED] at precisely 1000 hours, Sunday--the red mark indicating that [REDACTED] has successfully loaded the drop for [REDACTED]

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4. [REDACTED] was given only the sterilized portions of the drop and signal sites for study.

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Distribution:

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